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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1227

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 4, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Selection of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Behning

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be appointed by the Governor. The bill repeals a provision requiring a candidate for the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction to reside in Indiana for at least two years before the election.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under the bill, after January 9, 2005, the Superintendent of Public Instruction would be appointed by the Governor. The salary of the Superintendent would be fixed by the Governor. State expenditures would be affected if the Superintendent's salary was set at an amount more or less than the \$79,400 required under current law.

The removal of the Superintendent from the ballot after the 2004 general election would have a minimal reduction in printing cost of paper ballots.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Removal of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from election ballots would minimally reduce ballot cost to counties that operate direct recording electronic (DRE) and optical scan voting systems.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

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